undemarcated and that China continued to provide military assistance to some of our neighbours. He opined that because of these reasons, there was potential for fuelling tensions or a conflict between India and China. At the same time, he mentioned that on the plus side, Confidence Building Measures proved beneficial.

While the pronouncements of the COAS are based on facts, the Asian Age of the 11th February, 1999 reported only some portion of his speech out of context. In order to seek friendly, good-neighbourly and mutually beneficial relations with China, Government makes constant efforts based on the Pancheel. Further, both India and China are making efforts for improving the bilateral relations, including measures to enhance bilateral exchanges in various fields.

Modernisation of Jabalpur Vehicle Factory

2345. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise the Defence Central Vehicle factory at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will give priority for order to this factory for Defence vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) To (c) Upgradation of technology and modernisation in Ordnance Factories is an ongoing process. Based on the need for induction of new systems, specific projects are undertaken for creating new facilities and also for augmentation of the existing facilities. With the induction of new generation of transport vehicles required by the Army in 2.5 Ton and 5/7.5 Ton pay load categories, proposals are under consideration at present for upgrading the facilities for manufacture of transmission systems, axle sub-assemblies, chassis and main cabin.

Orders are placed on Vehicle Factory Jabalpur for procurement of Vehicles for Defence keeping in view the production capacity of the factory as well as the induction programme.

वायुसेना की हवाई परिवहन प्रणाली का आधुनिकीकरण

2346. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय वायु सेना की हवाई परिवहन प्रणाली के आधुनिकीकरण संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है,

(ख) इस कार्य पर कितनी धनराशि के व्यय किए जाने की संभावना हैं तथा इसके कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना हैं,

(ग) इस कार्य पर कितनी धनराशि के व्यय किए जाने की संभावना है तथा इसके कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना है,

(घ) विश्व की अन्य वायु सेनाओं की हवाई परिवहन प्रणाली की तुलना में भारतीय हवाई परिवहन प्रणाली की स्थिति कैसी है, और

(ड) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रयोजनार्थ कुछ विदेशी विशेषज्ञों को आमंत्रित किया है?

रक्षा मंत्रि (श्री जार्ज कर्नान्डीज) : (क) से (ग) भारतीय वायुसेना में वायु परिवहन प्रणाली का आधुनिकीकरण करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। प्रचालनात्मक आवश्यकता के कारण यह जब कभी अपेक्षित होता है , किया जाता है ।

(घ) भारतीय वायुसेना में वायु परिवहन सेवाएं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नागर विमानन संघ, जिसका भारत एक अनुबंधित सदस्य है, के नियमों और विनियमों के अनुरूप हैं । तथापि, जहां कहीं आवश्यक होता है भारतीय वायुसेना की परिचालन आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप आवश्यक परिवर्तन किए जाते हैं । विश्व में अन्य वायु सेनाओं द्वारा इसी प्रकार की पद्धति का अनुसरण किया जाता है ।

(ड) भारतीय वायुसेना के पास अपनी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त विशेषज्ञता है । इसलिए भारत सरकार द्वारा किसी विदेशी विशेषज्ञ को आमंत्रित नहीं किया गया है ।

Aircraft Carriers with Navy

2347. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 176, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1999 and state how many aircraft carriers the Indian Navy already possess and from which country

these carriers were imported, quantity-wise, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Indian Navy has, at present, only one aircraft carrier, INS Viraat. This aircraft carrier was imported from U.K. in 1987.

Misuse of Indian Credit by St Petersburg Shipyard

2348. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA-REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether St. Petersburg Shipyard has misused the credit extended by India to Russia for construction of three frigates; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to ensure delivery of frigates to Navy on time, by 2002 and 2003?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Federal State Unitary Enterprise (State Corporation Rosvoorouzhenie), a Russian Government Enterprise, with whom the Government of India/Ministry of Defence entered into a Contract for the construction of three ships, has confirmed an unconditional fulfilment of Contract commitments and guaranteed that all the sums received from the Indian side for the construction of these ships are used exclusively directly for this purpose. Moreover, the Indian Navy Overseeing Team stationed in the Russian Shipyard had confirmed that construction of the ships is ahead of schedule.

Inadequate Budgetary allocation for Army

2349. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of Defence be plesed to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in The Hindustan Times', dated the 28th February, 1999 wherein the defence analysis have stated that the defence allocations made in 1999-2000 budget in respect of Indian Army are not adequate, as Indian Army alone needs an annual increase of Rs. 1,500 crores to support and maintain its equipment; and

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto, indicating the percentage of defence allocation made with regard to Indian Army, as compared to break-up of allocation made in respect of three services during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) lbs Army has been allocated Rs. 25,264.94 crores in BE 1999-2000 which shows an increase of Rs. 2,474.24 crores over RE 1998-99. Allocation has been made to Army keeping in view their obligatory expenses, essential maintenance needs and committed liabilities on on-going programmes. Further, adequate funds have also been provided for their high priority new schemes. The percentage share of the three Services in Defence Budget during 1999-2000 is as under-

Army	55.29
Navy	14.80
Air Force	22.49
Other Deptts. (DRDO, DGOF etc.)	7.42

Fund to Fight Extremists/Naxalites

2350. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any separate fund has been earmarked to fight extremists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fund allocated to fight nexalites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) though no separate funds has been earmarked to fight extremist activities in the country, under the Scheme for Modernisation of state Police Forces, funds have been released to the affected States to upgarde their police forces to fight cxtremists\naxalites. A statement indicating the funds released during the years 1996-97,1997-98 and 1998-99 (upto 5.3.1999) is annexed below. The Ministry of Home Affairs has formulated a Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure to the States affected by Left Wing Extremism, which is under consideration of the Government.